SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK: The process is going on. No. 2: We have got enough trained people.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, induction of pilots is also a big fraud. Do you know that? ... (*Interruptions*) ... Selection of Air India pilots is also a very big fraud because they select only their relatives. No other man is allowed there ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK: Sir, this Government is not aware of it. We have taken over the whole thing and if the honourable Member says that there is some fraud, we are prepared to look into it... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What about reserve pilots?

SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK: As far as reserve pilots are concerned, there are sufficient pilots... (*Interruptions*) ... There are certain executive pilots who are always ready. We are having them as reserve. We are just training them and with them we can meet any contingency which may arise.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, for an Air India selection, seven ladies appeared for an interview and none of them has been selected. That is a big fraud and the honourable Minister should look into it.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : सभापति महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहती हूं कि अभी कुछ समय पहले एअर-इंडिया और इंडियन एअर लाइन्स में काम करने वाली जो महिलाएं हैं, एअर-होस्टेस, उनकी शिकायतों पर मंत्रालय ने एक परिपत्र जारी किया था, जिसका पालन इंडियन एअर लाइन्स ने तो किया है, लेकिन एअर-इंडिया ने अभी तक नहीं किया है, जैसी कि एअर-इंडिया की होस्टेस की तरफ से बात आ रही है, तो इसका क्या कारण है और कब तक मंत्रालय के आदेशों का पालन होने जा रहा है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Review of the working of DESU

*21. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU has failed to provide adequate power to the residents of Delhi over the past three months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to review the working of DESU; and

(d) if so, by when and the extent to which the power supply position is likely to improve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Although there was peaking shortage ranging from 3.7 per cent to 10.1 per cent during April to June, 1991, DESU has been, by and large, able to meet the energy requirements of Delhi during the past three months, with the average shortage being only 1.5 per cent during April-June 1991.

(c) The Task Force set up by the Government, headed by a member of Central Electricity Authority, periodically reviews the power supply position in Delhi and the programmes/schemes of DESU to meet the growing demands of power in the National Capital.

(d) The Transmission and Distribution systems in Delhi are being augmented. A proposal to create a ring of main transmission lines has been approved by the Government.

A number of generation projects are proposed to be established in and around Delhi under the State/Central

Sector during the 8th Plan, subject to availability of resources, and no difficulty is anticipated in meeting this power requirements of Delhi. Delhi gets a share of electricity generated by Central Sector Projects established throughout Northern Region.

Increase in the price of Natural Gas

*26. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the price of natural gas;

(b) if so, what decision, if any, has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what is the likely impact of this decision on the viability of the new gas based petrochemical projects?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A decision to revise the price of natural gas was taken by the Government in May, 1991.

(c) The impact on the viability would depend on various factors and may vary from project to project.

बिहार में कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां

*27. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि बिहार में कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियों के कारण सरकार को हर वर्ष भारी हानि होती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय क राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) और (ख) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि असामाजिक तत्वों के क्रियाकलापों से कोयला कपनियों की कार्यकुशलता तथा उनके द्वारा सुचारू रूप से कार्यचालन किए जाने पर प्रभाव पड़ता है, किन्तु इस बारे में नुकसान की मात्रा बताया जाना कठिन है ।

2. कोयला कंपनियों द्वारा इन क्रियाकलापों पर स्थानीय प्रशासन की सहायता से रोक लगाए जाने के लिए विभिन्न कदम उठाए गए हैं । इनमें से कुछ कदम निम्नलिखित हैं : —

1. इन क्रियाकलापों से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल की तनाती की शुरूआत ।

2. कर्मचारियों का बारी-बारी से स्थानांतरण ।

3. सतर्कता, आदि से संबंधित कार्य को सुदृढ़ किया जाना ।

Attack on Tourists in Jammu and Kashmir

*28. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent kidnapping and killing of Israeli tourists in Kashmir has adversely affected the tourist traffic in the valley;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assessment about the impact thereof on the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The foreign tourist traffic to Kashmir has been adversely affected due to the prevailing situation in the Valley. The tragic incident involving Israeli tourists and its publicity abroad is likely to give a set back to the revival of tourism industry there.